



Fresh Cactus Leaves

Try fresh cactus in salads, burritos, scrambled eggs, or with refried beans.

Preparation

1. Using a knife or vegetable peeler, peel around the edge of fresh cactus leaves. There's no need to remove all the skin. Scrape off any spines and dark areas.
2. Finely chop cactus leaves.
3. Serve or store cactus in refrigerator for up to 3 days in a covered plastic or glass container.

Roasted Chilies and Bell Peppers

Add roasted chilies and bell peppers to salads, tacos, tostadas, and chicken tortas.

Preparation

1. Place whole chilies and bell peppers in an oven on broil or on a rack over a charcoal fire. Turn occasionally until blackened on all sides.
2. Place roasted chilies and bell peppers in a plastic bag. Close the bag and let stand until cooled.
3. Remove roasted chilies and bell peppers from the plastic bag. Using a sharp knife, peel off the skin. Remove stems and seeds. Cut chilies and bell peppers into strips.
4. Serve or store roasted chilies and bell peppers in the refrigerator for up to 3 days in a covered plastic or glass container.